Government intervention in Enron

415. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposed to intervene in Enron issue; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Maharashtra Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) The Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for purchase of power supplied by the Dabhol Power project in Maharashtra promoted by Enron was signed between the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and the Dabhol Power Company (DPC). Government of India (GOI) has issued a counter guarantee to the Phase-I of the Dabhol Power Project covering some of the energy and capacity payments as well as termination payments. Recently, the GoM have constituted a Negotiating Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Madhav Godbole, ex-Home Secretary to the Government of India, to renegotiate the project with DPC and their lenders, etc. The Government of India has agreed to facilitate an amicable solution and has appointed its nominee on the Negotiating Committee.

Poverty Alleviation Programmes in Himachal Pradesh

† 416. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes initiated in Himachal Pradesh for poverty alleviation alongwith the progress made in each programme during the last two years and the number of poor benefited; and

(b) the district-wise and programme-wise details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three major programmes for Poverty Alleviation in the country which are also

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.